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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF HUNGARIAN BEEF AND OTHER FOOD

PRODUCTS TO US ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE

REF: BUDAPEST 3092

1. HUNGARIAN BIDS ON BEEF WOULD BE WELCOME AND WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY SO INFORMING HUNGARIANS. SALES OF FOOD TO THE ARMED FORCES COMMISSARIES IN EUROPE HAVE BEEN MADE BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ROMANIA. POLAND HAS ALSO SOUGHT OUT THIS MARKET, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NO SALES HAVE OCCURRED.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PROCUREMENT CONDITIONS IS AS OUT-LINED IN REFTEL. WE HAVE POUCHED A COPY OF OUR LETTER TO THE COMMANDER, DEFENSE SUBSISTENCE REGION, EUROPE TO DCM. LETTER STATES THAT DEFENSE AND STATE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOH SALES TO COMMISSARY SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE GOH CAN APPRO-
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PRIATELY BE COUNSELED ON ACCESS TO THIS MARKET, ALTHOUGH WE

DO NOT WISH TO PUSH HUNGARIANS TO ATTEMPT SUCH SALES.

3. REFTEL STATES THAT POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECT OF HUNGARIAN
SALES WOULD BE A SPEEDING UP OF HUNGARIAN PAYMENTS UNDER

THE CLAIMS AGREEMENT. THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS INFORMS US
THAT THESE SALES WOULD NOT BE REGISTERED IN OUR IMPORT
STATISTICS, WHICH ARE THE BASIS FOR COMPUTING ANNUAL
PAYMENTS. KISSINGER

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